



# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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## "THE BRITISH INVASION, 1812-1814"

Date: September 20.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Borough Hall

Speaker -

Mrs. Robert J. Moore



Special recognition  
will be given to  
new members of the  
Society.

Refreshments will be  
served.

Our speaker, Fran Moore is active in The United States Daughters of 1812. She is the third vice president national, past president of the NJ Society and past president of the Captain James Lawrence Chapter of the Haddonfield area.

Mrs. Moore felt there was a lack of information of the War of 1812 and has spent a great deal of time researching the subject. She has become a popular speaker on the British Invasion, often traveling to various parts of the United States. We shall hear about the advancing of the British forces during the War and the efforts of the brave local Chesapeake Bay militia men.

Fran has long been an active member of the Historical Society of Haddonfield and we are fortunate to have her share her knowledge of this important part of American history with us. Do join us for an interesting evening!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past Spring and Summer have been so busy. Special thanks:

--to Deborah Mervine for organizing the Philaselphia Open House Tour sponsored by our Society.

--to the women of the Society who acted as guides and hostesses the day of the Tour.

--to the families who opened their homes to about 125 guests from as far away as Texas.

--To Carolyn Moody and Patricia Lennon for the exhibit of our wedding apparel presented as part of the Preservation Society Walking Tour.

--to Dianne Snodgrass for obtaining the funding, planning and running the Treaty of Paris Symposium, sponsored by the Society with funds from the New Jersey Committee for the Humanities as part of a national celebration.

--to Lorraine Hilbert and those who worked with her for a successful Spring Festival Day.

--to Deborah Mervine for supervising a wedding held in Greenfield Hall.

--to Mickey Mack and Mabel Kay and all women and their husbands and children who worked so hard at the Country Fair. What a great day!

--to all the hostesses who braved the heat so we may keep Greenfield Hall open to visitors this summer.

I think all these people will agree that the best way to enjoy your Historical Society membership is to get involved. If someone calls and asks for help, please say yes--we need you.

Deborah Moore

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you, Board Members, for the lovely silk flowers I received during my recent illness. Also, thank you to all of you for the cards and phone calls.

Fondly,  
Debbie Moore

## WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Most of the re-wiring of Greenfield Hall has been completed and paid for to date, by the Women's Committee. There are still Tag-ends to be finished. It should be completely finished for our meeting in Sept.

The Women's Committee's usual summer project of making items for our Christmas Craft Show, December 1, is well under way. Please join us on a Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. to Noon. Since the Hip Roof House is open every Tuesday 10 a.m. to Noon, it might be convenient for you to bring your donations for the Auction during that time. The Auction Chairmen, Helen Street and Betsy Bartlett, are usually working with us. Will those bashful Society members please take this as a personal invitation to come and to help with the Craft works; the Auction; the Christmas Shop, etc.? We want you, truly, we need you!

Women's Committee "en masse"- Tuesday, September 25, at 10 a.m. Please come.

Mrs. John J. Slaven  
Chairman

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## HADDONFIELD'S FALL FESTIVAL

Events for the Fall Festival to be held on October 27 will include:

- I - Haddonfield's five mile race
- II - CLARK's BATTERY  
A Civil War Re-enactment by the Group to be held at the Middle School, sponsored by the Rotary.
- III - The Business Association will sponsor "Little Theatres" involving a variety of performances.

Details relating to the various activities will be published later.

Postcards may be purchased at Greenfield Hall on this day. All are welcome.

SCRAPS FROM LOCAL HISTORY

## The Old Kirby House

The death of Mary Kirby on the 19th of January, 1888 removed the last of one of the old families of Haddonfield. Her father, Stephen Kirby, first settled at Cooper Point, now part of Camden, where his occupation was that of tailor, and where some of his children were born.

In 1816 he moved to Haddonfield, purchased and occupied a house on the Southeast side of the Main Street, opposite Tanner Street. This dwelling has much historic interest deserving to be preserved.

If tradition goes true, it was built by John and Elizabeth Estaugh, and was where their butler resided, being opposite the end of a wide avenue cut thru the timber and extending from the Kings Highway to the lawn that surrounded the mansion house where they resided - the site of which is where the residence of Samuel Wood, Esq. now stands (Circa 1870 to 1880).

Part of this avenue is now known as Tanner Street, but the laying of the Haddonfield and Camden Turnpike cut off the northern portion, which has been abandoned for many years.

This writer interviewed Florence Ellis Redman, and was told the following: "When my Father Howard Ellis bought the property west of the First Baptist Church, in 1905, it had a very old house next to the church, and an old brick store west with a very deep lot nearly to Lincoln Avenue. We were little children then and all we heard was that we were living in Elizabeth Haddon's butler's home. About a year after we moved there the old house was torn down and a new house of brick built in its place, about 1906. The brick store was made into Ellis' Butcher shop, where they served the community for many years."

There were two little wooden buildings back near what was the Sunday School which had been a private school run by Mr. Kirby's two daughters for many years.

The last one died in 1888, and Clement wrote the following story.

"The old Kirby house at the end of the avenue was the butler's habitation, and where that important individual gave his neighbors his impression of persons, who visited the mansion house and were guests of the owner, and related little matters of gossip of what occasionally struck his ear, while looking after the creature comforts of the talkers. In a few years the old house will be removed and soon forgotten. This spirit of improvement in the present day has no sympathy with old things, however pleasant the traditions, and the hand of the spoiler never rests in this progressive age. Scarcely a generation passes away before the next is ready to remove every evidence of its existence.

Judge John Clement, 1870.

The foregoing quotation is not the complete article. Only the part relating to this early house is quoted. I found a deed in favor of "Blackwell, Pastor of the Colestown Church who owned the Kirby House, and one other owner of the butler's home ten years after Elizabeth Haddon's death, which took the Ellis/Kirby's house back to 1770. All these deeds are in the Historical Society Library.

In the little buildings before mentioned, the Ellises made a new mixture of sausage, and when I came to Haddonfield a bride in 1904 and became a member of The First Baptist Church, all Fall each year one could smell the savory aroma of sausage in the atmosphere on Sunday morning.

There was a great box bush back of this house, left from a walk to the school house. Alfred Driscoll bought the box bush and had this moved to "Birdwood" when they restored this early home there.

Mr. Wescoat (Realtor) bought the Ellis house and butcher shop and moved them back to Wescoat Walk, facing on the open land of the Baptist Church and the Ellis property, now used as a parking lot, and made them into business places for many years.

Now 1983 they have torn down the Ellis house and the butcher shop and expanded the ever enlarging Midlantic Bank of South Jersey.

*Edna L. Hays*

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Gertrude Hess Memorial Library will be open on a regular basis beginning in September. During the time of its reorganization, the Library has been open by appointment only.

The Library Committee hopes to maintain the same hours that Greenfield Hall is open to the public. Kathy Tassini will cover Tuesday mornings; a volunteer is needed to staff Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to call either Doug Rauschenberger at 429-1304(work) or 428-4722 (home) or Kathy Tassini at 429-2462.

Special thanks are due to four individuals who helped during the Library's reorganization. Joseph Hartel and Patricia Burns assisted with the inventory. Kay Wisnieski, a recent graduate of Drexel University's library school, helped with the cataloging problems. Peter Childs, Director of the Collingswood Public Library, shared his expertise in the field of rare books and preservation.

Doug Rauschenberger  
Kathy Tassini  
Co-chairman, Library Com.

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## PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

The Education Committee of the Society is offering to present a variety of historical lectures to interested organizations for a donation of \$25.00.

The topics and lecturers are:

Cooper's Craft	Claire Driscoll
Graven Images	Mary Carll
Newspapers	Doug Rauschenberger
Post Cards	Kathy Tassini
	Robin Spence
	Dianne Snodgrass
Quilts	Mary Carll
Schools	Doug Rauschenberger
Victorian Ladies	Mickey Mack
Costumes	Dianne Snodgrass
Victorian Childrens	
Costumes	Mickey Mack
	Dianne Snodgrass

Contact the individual lecturers or Dianne Snodgrass for any of the above.

## HISTORIC DISTRICT

On June 26, the Historical Society was represented by Kathy Tassini at a meeting with a group from the Borough of Princeton, who came to Haddonfield to see and hear about our Historic District.

The Princeton group, led by Mayor Barbara Sigmond, heard a presentation at Borough Hall regarding how the Historic District Ordinance was enacted; how the ordinance works today and its impact on both the areas within and without the District. Haddonfield representatives on the program included: Mayor Tarditi, Planning Board Chairman, Bob Schaeffer, Historic District Advisory Chairman, Bill Gallo, Zoning Officer, Pat Keppel, HDAC Secretary and Exec. Dir. of the Preservation Society, Joan Aiken, Activities Committee Chairman, Dorothy Clouser and Borough Administrator, Richard Schwab.

Following the presentation at Boro Hall, the combined groups took a walking tour of the Historic District ending with a light supper at Cafe Europa during which informal discussions continued.

The President and Executive Director of the Princeton Historical Society were very interested in both the operation of the Historic District and the programs of the Historical Society of Haddonfield.

Princeton is interested in creating their own Historic District and visited both Burlington City and Haddonfield to observe the impact of such districts on their communities. The program was extremely well organized and very beneficial to all who participated.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 11-Executive Board-8:00 p.m.  
Hip Roof House  
September 20-General Meeting  
Boro Hall - 8:00 p.m.  
October 8-Annual Auction  
October 27-Haddonfield Fall  
Festival - Greenfield  
Hall will be open

RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS

Estate of Flossy Iredell Mason

Chippendale tall case clock, made by John Wood of Philadelphia in 1760 and presented to Walter V. Mason by his grandfather. The clock descended in the Mason family, the most recent generation to own it lived in Stratford, New Jersey.

Victorian Hair Picture, this well executed example of a popular-form of the time was made in 1860 by Kate R. Mason.

Mrs. Betty Rhoads, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John N. Danehower of Haddonfield.

One sheer white dress and organdy petticoat, worn by the ladies of the Danenhower family for social occasions in Haddonfield.

Mrs. & Mrs. John R. Manley, Haddon Township.

Black silk faille, two piece ladies dress, c. 1870.

Beige caracul jacket, c.1870.

These two articles of clothing are particularly nice examples of the period.

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On Sunday afternoon, October twenty-first, from two to four, a small reception will be held at Greenfield Hall for the friends and relatives of Mrs. Flossy I. Mason and her executrix, Mrs. Nancy L. Bone of Stratford. We want them to see the new home of Mrs. Mason's superb clock and Victorian picture. The Mason clock is a mate to one made (also by John Wood in 1760) for Major William Trent of Trenton, N. J. and is on view in the historic Trent House.

Carolyn Moody  
Chairman

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